

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/864,862
Reply to Office Action dated April 29, 2005

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Advisory Action dated April 29, 2005. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 6, 2005.

In the Advisory Action, claim 9 was allowed, claim 3 was objected to and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10-14 were rejected. Claims 1-4, 10-11 and 14 have now been cancelled. Moreover, claims 5, 12 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 9, which was allowed. In addition, claim 8 depends from claim 5, which depends from allowed claim 9. Applicants assert that claims 5, 8-9 and 12-13 are allowable as claim 9 was allowed and the remaining claims all depend from claim 9. Applicants assert that this amendment only cancels claims and makes changes in form to correct dependencies to place the application in condition for allowance and should be considered and entered.

A speedy and favorable action on the merits is hereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicants' representative at (612) 336-4728.

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